

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1853.

Mr. Ramsay introduced the memorial of sundry citizens of the counties of Davidson, Davie, Forsyth and Yadkin, praying that no law be passed by the Legislature to open the Yadkin river for the passage of fish, &c., which, on motion, was referred to the committee on propositions and grievances, and ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Pitchford, leave of absence was granted to the Senator from Franklin for three days, including to-day.

Mr. McDowell, from the committee appointed to superintend the election for a Judge of the Supreme Court, reported that the whole number of votes cast was 159 ; necessary to a choice, 80 ; that Judge Ruffin received 145 votes ; George E. Badger, 7 votes ; Warren Winslow, 4 votes ; R. S. Donnell, 1 vote ; Judge Heath, 1 vote, and Judge Manly, 1 vote ; that Hon. Thomas Ruffin, of Alamance, having received a majority of the whole number of votes given, is duly elected. Report concurred in.

On motion by Mr. Houston,

*Ordered*, That a message be sent to the House of Commons proposing to raise a joint committee of five on the part of the Senate, and three on the part of the House of Commons, for the purpose of communicating to Hon. Thomas Ruffin, Sr., of the county of Alamance, the intelligence of his election by this General Assembly as a Judge of the Supreme Court to supply the vacancy occasioned by the death of the late Chief Justice Nash, and to ascertain whether he will accept said appointment.

Received a message from the House of Commons informing that they have passed the following engrossed resolution in which they ask the concurrence of the Senate, viz :

A resolution concerning the distribution of Emmons' report, which was read the first time and passed.

Received a message from the House of Commons proposing to raise a joint select committee of three on the part of the House and two on the part of the Senate, to communicate to the Hon. Thomas Ruffin, Sr., the intelligence of his elec-